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1. CANDIDATE (MAH MO DEW KOON TAH MOM BOO RAY) IS MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, GOTG. LISTED REFTEL AS ALTERNATE. AVAILABLE TO TRAVEL JUNE, JULY OR SEPTEMBER '74 IF CAN BE PROGRAMMED. NOT ABLE TRAVEL AUGUST. BORN AUG. 17, 1939, THE GAMBIA. ELIGIBLE FOR VISA. NEVER BEEN TO US, NEVER HAD US GRANT. MUSLIM, NO ALCOHOL, MARRIED, 1 CHILD, SON AGED 2.

2. EDUCATION, TRAINING, SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS. GRADUATED GAMBIA HIGH SCHOOL 1958. AWARDED 5 YEAR SCHOLARSHIP TO UNITED AFRICA COMPANY (UAC) TRAINING SCHOOL, NIGERIA WHERE STUDIED MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR VEHICLES, HEAVY EARTH MOVING MACHINERY, FACTORY INSTALLED MACHINERY. 1962 GRANTED COLLEGE DIPLOMA, PASSED CITY AND GUILDS FINAL EXAM IN MOTOR ENGINEERING. TWO YEARS AT UAC, BANJUL, MOTORS AND TECHNICAL DIVISION. 1964 66 WORKING STUDENT IN ENGLAND (SOUTHGATE BRANCH, ENDFIELD COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY), CERTIFICATE IN AUTOMATIVE ENGINEERING. 1966 ON GOTG SCHOLARSHIP, STUDIED MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL AND AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING AT CHIPPENHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE (DIPL. IN AG. ENGINEERING). SHORT ASSIGNMENTS WITH MASSEY FERGUSON AND OTHER ENGINEERING FIRMS AS MAINTENANCE ENGINEER. 1969 WEST OF SCOTLAND AG. COLLEGE (PART OF GLASGOW U.), 11 YEAR COUSE IN AG. ENGINEERING (MAINTENANCE OF ALL TYPES FARM MACHINERY FROM TRACTORS TO MILKING MACHINES). 1970 73 SAPU AGRICULTURAL STATION, THE GAMBIA, UNCLASSIFIED

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INSTALLED FIRST COTTON GIN IN THE GAMBIA, PERFORMED MAINTENANCE ON

RICE MILL, RESPONSIBLE FOR ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY FOR 3 GOVERNMENT AG. STATIONS. 1973 MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENT GAMBIA DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, YUNDUM STATION. SUPERVISES 120 EMPLOYEES IN ALL ASPECTS AG. ENGINEERING, MAINTENANCE 300 VEHICLES, MODIFICATION OF DRAWN IMPLEMENTS, TESTING AND REDESIGNING EQUIPMENT, TRAINING (LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS) OF WORKSHOP PERSONNEL. ADVISER TO MIN. OF AG. ON PURCHASE OF NEW AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT.

3. PERSONAL DATA. EXCELLENT HEALTH, ATHLETIC (TABLE TENNIS AND TENNIS). MAMBOURAY IS IMPRESSIVE, ENERGETIC, RESOURCEFUL YOUNG MAN, FILLING IMPORTANT POSITION IN GOOG'S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OPERATIONS. SEEKS INFORMATION ON U.S. EXPERIENCE AND TYPES OF MACHINERY USED IN VARIOUS AREAS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, PEANUTS, SOYBEANS, RICE, BEEF CATTLE, SUGAR CANE, TROPICAL AND CITRUS FRUITS, IRRIGATED GRAIN AND VEGETABLE FARMING. HE IS CONCERNED WITH CROPDIVERSIFICATION TO INCREASE FARM INCOME, EXTEND USEFUL WORK SEASON OF FARMERS IDLE TOO LONG UNDER PRESENT ONE CROP (PEANUTS) ECONOMY, AND WITH IMPROVED NUTRITION FOR FARM FAMILIES AND FOR NATIONS AS A WHOLE. HE HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN WEST AFRICA AND HAS LIVED IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND AS STUDENT AND WORKER. NOTES THAT BRITISH AG. EQUIPMENT VERY GOOD BUT WANTS TO SEE AND COMPARE AMERICAN PRODUCTS, METHODS, TECHNOLOGY.

4. AREA OF FOCUS. GEOGRAPHICALLY, MAMBOURAY CONSIDERS SOUTHERN AND SOUTHWESTERN U.S. MOST RELEVANT AREA FOR COMPARISON WITH THE GAMBIA FROM STANDPOINT OF CROPS, CLIMATE, SOILS, ETC. THE GAMBIA AT BEGINNING OF TRANSITION PERIOD BETWEEN HAND HOE AND INITIAL STATES MECHANIZATION. COUNTRY IS SMALL (4/5THS SIZE OF CONN.), POP. 1/2 MILLION, POOR BUT WILL BE LIMITED BY ALWAYS SCARCE FX RESOURCES AND ABILITY OF MAMBOURAY AND STAFF TO MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT. STRESS SHOULD BE ON SIMPLER, LESS EXPENSIVE MACHINERY AND METHODS, GEARED TO PRESENT DEVELOPMENT LEVELS.

MAMBOURAY WANTS TO SEE FULL CYCLE OF PRODUCTION, HARVESTING, STORAGE TRANSPORTATION PROCESSES. INTERESTED IN BY-PRODUCTS SUCH AS FUEL BRICKS MADE FROM PEANUTS SHELLS, PAPER, INSULATION AND BUILDING MATERIALS FROM PLANT RESIDUES, PROCESSED FOOD FROM PEANUTS, ETC.

HE WANTS TO VISIT FARMS, STORAGE FACILITIES, PACKING PLANTS. HE
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IS INTERESTED IN PRODUCTION AND MARKETING COOPERATIVES. HE ACTS AS ADVISER TO GAMBIAN COMMERCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT BANK ON LOANS TO SMALL FARMERS AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN AVAILABLE CREDIT FACILITIES FOR U.S. FARMERS AND IN CRITERIA BY WHICH LOAN TERMS ESTABLISHED

THE GAMBIA HAS A NUMBER OF VERY SUCCESSFUL PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION COOPERATIVES AND ANY NEW INFO WHICH WOULD STRENGTHEN AND DIVERSIFY THEIR SERVICES WOULD BE WELCOME. GEOGRAPHICALLY HE

WANTS TO SEE FLORIDA AND THE SOUTHEAST, ARKANSAS, LA. AND TEXAS, ARIZONA AND CALIFORNIA AND THE CENTRAL MID WEST.

MAMBOURAY WANTS TO VISIT SEVERAL MID WESTERN PRODUCERS OF AG. MACHINERY, I.E. JOHN DEERE, ALLIS CHALMERS, CATERPILLAR, AND MANUFACTURERS TO RICE HULLERS AND RICE MILLING MACHINERY IN WISCONSIN (LUMOS/COLUMBUS RICE MILL?). HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT AT LEAST ONE OUTSTANDING U.S. AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL, AND HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AUTOMATIVE ENGINEERING. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, ORIENTATION AND BRIEFING AT THE USDA ON U.S. AGRICULTURAL POLICY POLICY WOULD BE MOST USEFUL. A VISIT TO AT LEAST ONE STATE OR LARGE COUNTY FAIR, AND TO ONE OR MORE FARMS AND RANCHES WOULD BE PROFESSIONALLY USEFUL AS WELL AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HUMAN AND PERSONAL CONTACTS. NOT ONLY IS MAMBOURAY PERSONABLE AND SPORTS ORIENTED BUT HE IS A JAZZ BUFF WHO WOULD WELCOME CHANCES TO SEE AND HEAR PERFORMANCES EITHER IN SUMMER THEATERS, PARKS OR SMOKY NEW ORLEANS NIGHT SPOTS. HE WILL BE AN APPRECIATIVE SIGHTSEER AS WELL. OVER TIME, SALES OF U.S. MANUFACTURED AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT COULD RESULT FROM THIS VISIT. IN MANY WAYS, AN OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE FROM WHOSE VISIT DESIRABLE RESULTS FOR GAMBIAN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT MAY BE EXPECTED. FREE TO TRAVEL ONLY IN JUNE, JULY OR SEPTEMBER. HOPEFULLY CAN BE FINANCED FROM FY 74 FUNDS.

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